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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants respectfully request that a citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

## **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

US Pat 1 – US Pat 8 and For Pat 1 – For Pat 3 were cited by the U.S. Examiner in the prosecution of a divisional patent application serial number 12/823,691 in an Office Action dated November 26, 2010. English abstracts are attached to For Pat 1 – For Pat 3.

For Pat 4 – For Pat 11 and PUB 1 were cited by the Japanese Patent Examiner in a corresponding Japanese application office action dated October 26, 2010 (see attached German copy). English abstracts are attached to For Pat 4 – For Pat 11.

A first action on the merits was issued September 2, 2010 in the present application. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) Applicants hereby make the statement pursuant to paragraph (e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office

in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the foreign references and publication articles are attached for the Examiner's review.

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